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SUBJECT: TRADE ASSISTANCE: ETHIOPIAN NATIONAL WATER RESOURCES  
COMMISSION, ADDIS ABABA AND GANDRA, LUBBOCK, TEXAS

1. EMBASSY HAS RECEIVED REQUEST FROM ETHIOPIAN NATIONAL WATER RESOURCES COMMISSION TO HELP PROCURE URGENTLY NEEDED PUMPS ORDERED FROM AMERICAN FIRM IN DECEMBER 1973. THE PUMPS ARE FOR USE IN DROUGHT-AFFECTED AREA OF WOLLO.

2. ON NOVEMBER 12, 1973, THE COMMISSION RECEIVED QUOTATIONS FOR TWO SPECIAL HOT WATER PUMPS FROM GANDRA OF TEXAS, P.O. BOX 1413, LUBBOCK, TEXAS, (TEL. 806-747-1348), STATING IT WOULD DELIVER EIGHT WEEKS AFTER RECEIPT OF A FIRM ORDER AND LETTER OF CREDIT. ON DECEMBER 19, 1973, THE L/C WAS ESTABLISHED AND AN ORDER PLACED FOR ONE PUMP TO BE AIR-FREIGHTED TO ADDIS. (ANOTHER WAS ORDERED SOMEWHAT LATER TO ARRIVE BY SEA-FREIGHT.) ON JANUARY 21, 1974, GANDRA ACKNOWLEDGED RECEIPT OF THE ORDER AND L/C. SINCE THEN, FIRM HAS PUT FORWARD VARIOUS REASONS FOR FAILING TO SHIP, INCLUDING PROBLEMS IN FITTING IT ON THE PLANCE, STRIKES, AND LATELY, A FIRE IN THE PLANT. AS A RESULT, THE COMMISSION EXTENDED THE L/C SEVERAL TIMES; LATEST IS VALID UNTIL MARCH 31. ON MARCH 10, GANDRA CABLED, REQUESTING ADDITIONAL 45-DAY EXTENSION HAD PROMISING IMMEDIATE DELIVERY IF COMMISSION COMPLIED. (IT HAS.)

3. THE PUMPS ARE FOR USE IN WELLS, LOCATED IN A DROUGHT-AFFECTED PART OF WOLLO, WHICH HAVE ALREADY BEEN DRILLED AND CASED AWAITING ARRIVAL OF THE PUMPS. IN THE MEANTIME, THE  
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RELIEF AND REHABILITATION COMMISSION IS TRUCKING WATER TO

THE PEOPLE FROM MANY MILES AWAY.

4. IN VIEW OF THESE CIRCUMSTANCES, AND THE FACT THAT AN  
AGENCY OF THE ETHIOPIAN GOVERNMENT IS INVOLVED, EMBASSY  
REQUESTS THAT COMMERCE CONTACT GANDRA AND ASCERTAIN WHEN FIRM  
PLANS SHIP EQUIPMENT TO ADDIS.  
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